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OIL WITHIN 100 FEET OF TOP IN PECOS HILL WELL.

Pecos, Texas, March 3.—Development at the Pecos well today seem to fully justify the statement that the Pecos field is in. This morning oil was found standing within 100 feet of the top of the 657-foot hole, following penetration of the sand yesterday to between 600 and 609 feet. Sixty-one barrels were bailed from the well, the first 50 barrels lowering the oil to 250 feet. The last 10 barrels taken out failed to lower it at all, and bailing discontinued with the oil still standing at that level. What the well will yield per day is therefore still in the estimate stage, and one hears widely divergent estimates, but none the writer has heard placed it lower than 80 barrels. Most put it at 150 to 300, and some as high as 500 and even more.

Driller Garvin, who quit today, his contract completed, said: "She's a finished well, men, and she'll make 300 barrels."

He believed the oil will rise over the casing within the next day or two, as it was rising rapidly this afternoon. The well is already connected with a pipe line that runs down hill over nine miles to the Santa Fe switch of Isabelle, and the oil can be loaded on tank cars as soon as they are provided.

It is understood Mr. Ball will start a new well at once, possibly with the intention of casing it off all shallow sands and going on down to heavy sands that are supposed to lie below 2,000-foot level, but he is in Chicago at present and nothing definite can be learned. Leases have taken another skyward jump, and almost a record crowd disembarked from the west-bound train this afternoon. This is the first producing well in the Pecos field opening up a tremendous new territory which geologists have for years declared would one day blossom forth as one of the world's greatest oil fields.

ROY MURRAH DEAD.

Roy Murrah died at Ralston hospital, El Paso, Monday evening at six o'clock. He had gone to that city accompanied by his brother, Will, of Lakewood, last Friday, for special treatment, he not seeming to get along here. He was in the hands of physicians when a hemorrhage occurred which resulted in death in a very short time. Relatives here and at Lakewood were notified, and under their instructions the body was embalmed and brought to this city, Tuesday night and later shipped to the old home at Lakewood, where they were interred Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the side of his mother, who has been dead many years. The deceased was about twenty-five years old, a member of the well-known Murrah family, cattlemen, of Lakewood, and leaves two brothers, John and Will, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Lackey, of Carlsbad, and Mrs. J. S. Kelly, of Douglas, Arizona, besides many friends to deplore his loss and to them is extended sympathy. Reverend Terry, of Davton, conducted the funeral services, which were largely attended.

Carlos Seas, the sixteen-year-old Mexican who was confined in the county jail charged with attempted assault on an eight-year-old child, had a hearing Tuesday and pled guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to five years in the State reform school.

Mrs. L. Collins is a visitor to Roswell this week, going up Tuesday.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF EDDY COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

A meeting of the Eddy County Democratic Central committee is called for tomorrow, Saturday morning, at ten o'clock, at the court house. The meeting is for the purpose of fixing the date of the coming primaries, making rules for same and assessing the cost to the different candidates, and to transact such other business as may legally come before it.

NEW MEXICO CATTLE CROP 600 PER CENT BIGGER THAN 1918 OR 1919.

Roswell, N. M., March 1.—That the calf crop of New Mexico will be in the neighborhood of six hundred per cent more than either of the two preceding years, is the estimate now being made by the reports of the State college, of the government and county agents.

In the year 1918, there was a crop which was valued at \$7,500,000. In the year 1919 there was a falling off of over one and one-half millions of dollars. This was due to the drought in 1918 and the hard winter following.

This year the calf crop, which is figured on an eighty per cent basis, will be worth \$36,000,000 or six times as much as that of 1919.

Cattle conditions throughout the state are reported to be in a most excellent condition. Range conditions have never been better for many years. Steer buyers are reported to be appearing in different parts of the state and offering top prices. Shipments of cattle, however, so far have been very light.

P. E. O. ENTERTAINS.

The members of Chapter A. P. E. O. entertained their husbands and men friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis Tuesday night. A fine time enjoyed by all fortunate enough to have their membership in that organization, as well as their guests, is the report. A turkey dinner was one of the features of the evening. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bush, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Williams, Mrs. A. A. Davis, Misses Marguerite Roberts, Jennie Linn, Lu B. Hughes, Messrs. Arthur Skeets, P. W. McLenathan and Robert Finlay.

Silas Hogg expects to leave Tuesday for Merkle, Texas, on a visit and may decide to locate there permanently, he having relatives in that city.

Ed. Burleson came in this morning from his ranch at the foot of the mountains and is transacting business of various kinds while in the city.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Milton B. Sutton and Miss Lillian B. Goodnight, both of Artesia.

Airplane Here Slightly Damaged. The expected airplane came in Monday and made a landing on the field east of town. During the high wind of Tuesday, the machine broke loose and was blown for quite a distance into a little hollow where it is at this time. The damage is being repaired as rapidly as possible and everything will be all right in a few days. A number of our citizens were disappointed as they had planned to "go up", the day the machine came to grief.

JACKIES ENJOYING VENETIAN TAXIS

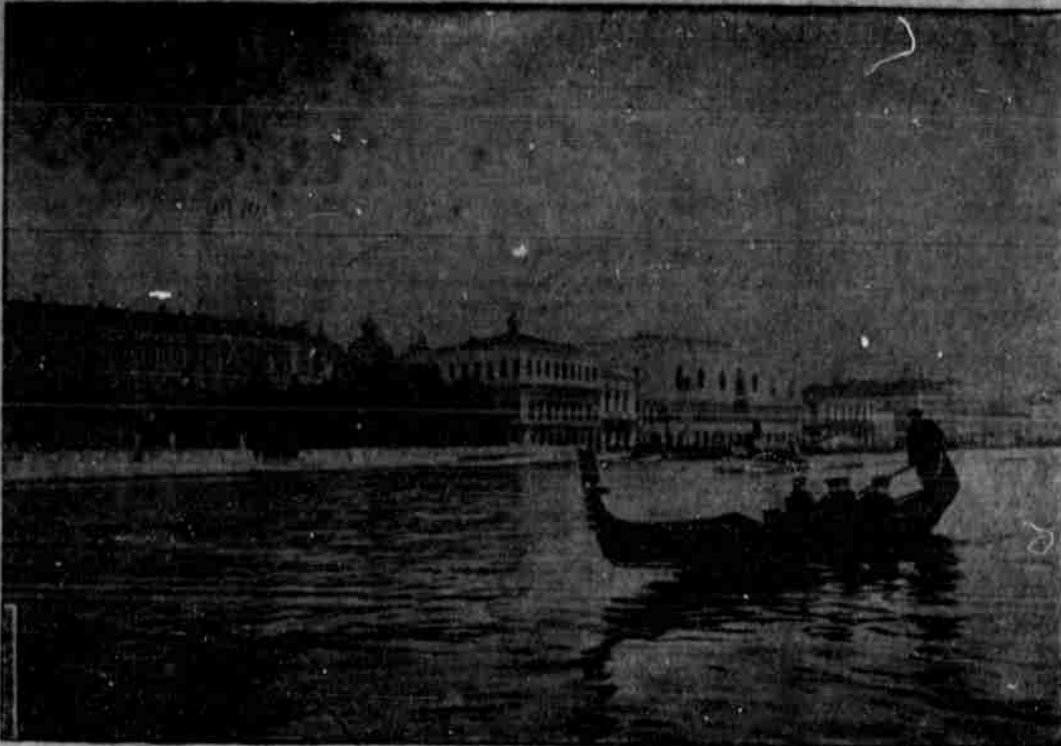


Photo shows "Jack" tars from the U. S. S. Pittsburgh, "seeing the sights" of Venice from a Venetian gondola.

TO DRILL FORTY NEW MEXICO WELLS.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 25.—The Standard oil company will drill 40 new wells on 40,000 acres of land belonging to John Looney, of Lumberton, according to contract just made. Drilling will start by the middle of March if possible. Seventy-two carloads of material have been shipped to Lumberton and a gang of men is at work on the huge warehouse.

An oil expert declares a pool of oil exists under 15,000 acres of the property. The Willow creek well on the J. R. Martinez property is in sandstone; it is expected that oil will be encountered at 500 feet.

FLOATING OIL LEASE.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 22.—The transfer of an oil lease here today brings out the startling reminder that the whole world is interested in oil. Many state oil and gas leases have been issued in New Mexico, and it is found in a transfer made here at the capitol of the state that a lease brokerage firm of Oklahoma City has sold a New Mexico oil lease to a sailor of the United States navy who is located on one of Uncle Sam's big warships that now ride at anchor in the far off port of Guantanamo, in the Atlantic ocean.

This lease which the sailor bought consists of 40 acres, located in Eddy county, New Mexico. Who knows but that when the sailor leaves his ship with a discharge in his hand that his lease will at that time be one of value that is rivaled only by those marvelous leases at Burburnett or Ranger?

MARRIED AT ROSWELL.

Ernest E. Scoggin, of Hope, and Miss Elizabeth M. DeWitz, of Lovington, stole a march on their friends and were married Saturday, February 21, at Roswell. Two couples of their friends accompanied them, Miss Mae Scoggin and Ernest Middleton, and Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlinson.

The newlyweds have many friends here who wish them joy in their new life. They returned after the ceremony to the home of the bridegroom at Hope, where they will reside for the present.

Friends in Carlsbad are in receipt of announcements of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Bunch, formerly of this city, but now residing at Weatherford, Texas. The birth occurred February 22nd and the baby weighed the beam at nine pounds. She has been named "Josephine E." Best wishes to her and her parents.

H. E. James and Mrs. James arrived Friday night from El Paso where they attended the death and burial of the late Cyrus James.

Reagan Middleton came in from Monument Monday. He reports the entire family recovering from a recent sick spell. With Mr. Middleton were the English brothers, horse buyers, from Texas, who are looking after the purchase of "paint" horses.

J. D. Forehand and wife, from the Black river country, were in town on a business trip Monday. They report things in excellent shape in their part of the country.

GOING UP!

Electric irons have jumped from \$6.75 to \$7.50 each. We have six standard irons in stock, absolutely guaranteed, priced at \$4.75. When these are gone, \$7.50 is the price. Shall we save one for you? Call early as they won't last but a day or so.

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HAY TRADE CONDITIONS OF THE WEEK.

Record prices were made on hay this week in Eastern markets due to protracted storms and consequent famine conditions. Consumers' stocks have been working down for several weeks and they have been forced into the market regardless of prices. Country roads are almost impassable on account of deep snow and heavy drifts and the amount of hay loaded is very small. Shippers, however, are making every effort to get hay to market and with a break in the weather increased sales is certain. Railroads are furnishing cars more freely but the rail movement is slow because of the storms. Future prices will depend entirely on the movement to market and conservatism on the part of shippers is necessary to avoid losses on goods that can not move immediately, for when the movement does increase consumers will buy in limited quantities and the decline will probably be even sharper than the advance.

Alfalfa hay is quoted on the Kansas City market this week at \$17.50 for No. 5 up to \$36.00 for choice.

WOOL EXPERTS HERE.

Mr. Bedell, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and C. A. McNabb, state specialist in marketing, addressed about twenty prominent wool growers of Eddy county, in the court house Wednesday. The gentlemen had samples of wool of different grades and classes which they passed on, and altogether the meeting was a very profitable one. A movement is on foot to form a state association of wool growers and the following officers were elected as a local committee to cooperate with such an organization:

President—L. A. Swigart. Secretary—H. E. Cauley. F. G. Tracy, M. Irabarne and Etcheverry members of the board. The lecturers left for Roswell the same night.

Miss Lu Hughes, county club leader for Eddy county, was called by telegram to Clovis, where she went yesterday to assist R. G. Foster, state club leader, and Mrs. Eunice Speed, club leader for Curry county, in organizing Boys' and Girls' clubs in that county. She left here for Artesia and Hope and after working there all day yesterday, took the train last night for Clovis. Miss Hughes expected to organize a pig club at Hope yesterday, which will make the third pig club in the county so far this year. Thirty pure bred pigs are now the property of members of three various clubs. The animals are mostly Durocs and Poland-Chinas. Miss Hughes says she will only have poultry and sewing clubs in Carlsbad in place of the varied industries of other years. Other parts of the county may have different clubs, but there will not be so many departments as in former years.

A letter from Ray Hill to a friend in this city tells of the serious illness of his father, William Hill, at their home in Berkeley, California. This is sad news for the many friends of the family who remember Mr. Hill's dangerous illness when living in Carlsbad last year.

Mrs. Archie Nelson received word this week of the death of a favorite nephew from pneumonia, at Alamogordo. The little boy, Clyde Watson, was twelve years old and the son of W. C. Watson, a brother of Mrs. Nelson.

Ralph Thayer was down from the Guadalupe on a business mission this week.

COURT NEWS.

Allen Mason and William Sharpe, the hobo sheep thieves who were recently arrested by Deputy Batton, had their cases disposed of this week. Sharpe was released, evidence not being sufficient to hold him. But on investigation by Mr. Batton, it was discovered that Mason was wanted in Seminole, Texas, on a charge of stealing a horse and saddle. Sheriff Cobb of Gaines County and his deputy, John C. Hart, are in town and will take Mason back there for trial.

J. H. (Jack) Lindsay, who was under indictment for perjury, in connection with a cattle stealing case, and has been missing from the state for about a year, returned this week and gave himself up, pleading guilty. After a sound scoring by the judge, he was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, the sentence being suspended on condition that he leave the state within thirty days and remain away in the future.

The case for the removal of Mrs. Annie Barber as administratrix of the estate of the late W. J. Barber, deceased, was heard in district court this week. After hearing, the administratrix was continued with certain restrictions.

OIL LEASING BILL KILLS THE PLACER CLAIMS.

The oil land leasing bill, signed by President Wilson, invalidates all placer claims. This is the opinion of the leading attorneys of the country who have examined the new bill. It was the general impression that the Jones amendment protecting placer claims located according to law prior to October 1, 1919, was in the bill, but those who have made a close study of the new law say that the amendment is missing, and, in their opinion, all placer claims are now without value.

Because thousands of acres of the public domain in eastern New Mexico, and all over the state, for that matter, have been located under the old placer mining law at a great deal of expense and trouble, the new law will work a great hardship generally. The new law validates placer claims on which \$250 worth of work has already been done, yet this does not relieve the situation because there is no placer claim in eastern New Mexico on which this amount of work has been expended toward the discovery of oil or gas.

The new law provides that a citizen, or an association of citizens, or corporations, except railroads, may lease not to exceed four sections, or 2,560 acres. A notice must first be placed on the land and this notice will protect the locator for thirty days within which time an application for a permit to prospect for oil or gas must be made. Within ninety days from this time the boundaries of the land must be clearly defined and a well must be drilled to a depth of not less than 500 feet within six months from the date of permit, unless oil or gas is found in commercial quantities at a lesser depth. Permit protects the prospector for a period of two years during which time the well or wells must be drilled to a depth of 2,000 feet unless oil or gas is found at a lesser depth. Provided the prospector has discovered oil in paying quantities on his land he then will be given a lease and will have a right to bid for three additional sections.

Until the rules and regulations, promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior, in reference to this bill, are received, no more definite information will be available. Upon the construction placed on this bill by the Secretary of the Interior will depend many questions which may alter the situation one way or the other.

Because of the great interest here over the leasing bill and the placer laws the matter will be watched with great interest by many people. If the government land is taken up under the leasing bill, and the present indications are that it will be this means immediate and continued oil development for this section for the law says that a well must be started within six months from the date the permit to lease is granted and thereafter drilling must go on without delay.

John Stephens, former telegraph operator in Carlsbad, and afterward in Clovis, writes a friend here of his marriage to a lady in Los Angeles, last week. The lady's name is not given, but from what we know of Mr. Stephens, she is to be congratulated and a host of friends here extend good wishes to the happy couple.

HEALTH LAWS.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 4.—Health legislation of the most progressive type was enacted by the special session of the New Mexico legislature when it passed Senate Bill No. 5, an act authorizing the employment of health employees and the levying of special taxes for health purposes. The bill passed the senate by a vote of 17 to five and went through the house with thirty-six votes for it and none against. Governor Larrazolo, who had asked for the passage of the bill in his message to the assembly, immediately added his signature, thus making the act effective at once.

The measure provides that whenever in the opinion of the commissioner of health, conditions require the employment of persons in addition to county and city health officers to carry out the health laws, rules and regulations, these may be employed by the governing boards of counties and incorporated municipalities.

To provide for running expenses of a health department, boards of county commissioners may levy not to exceed one-half mill on each dollar of assessed valuation of taxable property in the county exclusive of that within incorporated municipalities. The governing bodies of such incorporated municipalities may levy not to exceed one-half mill on the taxable property within their boundaries.

The act is regarded as particularly good legislation since two safeguards have been placed on the special levy. The initial move for a larger department must come from the commissioner of health and the final levy is subject to review by the state tax commission.

MISSOURI VOTERS ENDORSE THE LEAGUE.

Republicans chose to make the special congressional election in the third Missouri district a test of popular opinion with respect to the League of Nations. Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, reminded his audiences that this election was to be made and considered a referendum on the league. This statement was repeated by all the other Republican orators, and, indeed, was a declaration of the Republican platform upon which the Republican candidate conducted the contest.

The answer of the voters was unmistakable. The Democratic candidate was elected by a majority of nearly 2000. This Democratic majority was greater than that obtained by the Democratic candidate in the regular congressional election fifteen months ago. It was at once a cordial endorsement of the league and a repudiation of Republican propaganda.

Mrs. C. C. Lewis entertained a party of teachers at her home in North Carlsbad last Saturday at a seven-o'clock dinner. A very pleasant social time was enjoyed and a delightful, four-course dinner. The guests of the happy affair were: Miss Lu B. Hughes, Miss White, Miss Harvey, Miss Trainer, Miss Harrison and Miss Stagner.

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F. G. Tracy, Vice-Pres. Annie L. Dalton, 2nd Vice-Pres. Lewis E. Alexander, Secty.-Treas.

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